

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1793
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 04632.0073**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yusuke Kato et al.)
Application No.: 10/590,354) Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: August 23, 2006) Examiner: Kevin E. Yoon
For: Process for Producing Cast Item) Confirmation No.: 8168
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2009, **the period for response having been extended to May 1, 2010 (a Saturday)** and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.